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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1979

To Jacobo Timerman

I was very pleased to learn of the decision of the Argentine authorities ordering your release from detention, and I am delighted that you are at last able to accept in person the B'nai B'rith Hubert Humphrey Freedom Award. Your reputation for excellence in journalism and your defense of human rights have won the profound admiration of all who honor free speech and the integrity of the individual.

Rosalynn joins with me in extending to you our warmest congratulations -- and our hopes that all those who are imprisoned for their beliefs, anywhere in the world, will find justice and reunion with their families and friends.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/SRP

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November 2, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI *W. Brzezinski*

SUBJECT:

Jacobo Timerman (U)

Jacobo Timerman, the Argentine newspaper editor and publisher, who was recently released from house arrest and expelled from Argentina, has asked to see you. He has been in New York since October 29 to receive the Hubert Humphrey Freedom Award from B'nai B'rith. In light of your personal intervention with President Videla on behalf of Mr. Timerman, the Department of State believes you should meet with him. (C)

Timerman last week told our Press Attache in Tel Aviv that he is now reluctant to write about his experiences in Argentina because he fears reprisals by the military against friends still in Argentina. For a similar reason, I believe a meeting could be counterproductive to our efforts to encourage human rights improvements in Argentina. Timerman's release was the culmination of such a vicious struggle between moderates and hardliners in the Argentine military that it provoked a coup (which was unsuccessful) by the hardliners. I believe that the moderates would consider your meeting with him as an unfriendly (rather than an appreciative) gesture, and they would be less likely to be accommodating to future cases. (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

That in lieu of a meeting, you sign the attached letter to Timerman conveying your congratulations.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

The letter has been cleared by the speechwriters.

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PS by *W. Brzezinski*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 30, 1979

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI/DAVID AARON
FROM: ROBERT PASTOR
SUBJECT: Jacobo Timerman (U)

State has recommended that the President meet with Timerman. I have therefore prepared a memorandum for you to send to the President, suggesting that the President send a letter to Timerman rather than meet with him. Schecter and Bloomfield concur. (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I and forward it with the letter at Tab A to the President. (U)

(David: Zbig had earlier informed me that he didn't think the President should meet with Timerman. See Tab B, which should not be forwarded to the President.) (C)

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